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TAGS: PBOR, PINS, PLOS, CM, EK
SUBJ: UPDATE ON EQUATORIAL GUINEA SIEZURE OF ELF/SEREPCA HELICOPTER

REF: (A) STATE 95541, (B) YAOUNDE 1857

1. ELF/SEREPCA REPRESENTATIVE HAS INFORMED CONSULATE THAT THE RANSOM APPROACH HAS BEEN ABANDONED BY EQUATORIAL GUINEA FOR THE TIME BEING AND THAT THE AFFAIR IS BEING TAKEN UP ENTIRELY AT DIPLOMATIC LEVEL. CAMEROON WAS APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN THE EARLY STAGES, BUT IT IS ELF/SEREPCA'S UNDERSTANDING NOW THAT THE MATTER IS BEING NEGOTIATED BY FRANCH AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA EXCLUSIVELY.

2. THE PILOT AND PASSENGERS ARE STAYING IN THE FRENCH CONSULATE AT MALABO, AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO SECURE THEIR RELEASE BEFORE THAT OF THE HELICOPTER. ELF/SEREPCA FEELS THAT A SUM OF MONEY MAY EVENTUALLY BE DEMANDED BY THE EQUATORIAL GUINEANS AND ALLOWED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE THAN THE $25,000 ORIGINALLY DEMANDED (REFTEL B). THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN YAOUNDE
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IS IN RADIO CONTACT WITH THEIR EMBASSY IN MALABO AND THEY EXPECT THE MATTER TO BE RESOLVED SHORTLY.

3. EMBASSY WISHES ASSURE DEPT THAT IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT EMBASSY DOLLAR ASSETS WERE NOT REQUIRED AND THEY THEREFORE WERE NOT OFFERED.
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